

LOCAL NEWS.

Xmas day, 1897.  
Duncan deals in diamonds.  
County court, next Monday.  
Ladies capes and cloaks at cut prices at Pate & Mason's.  
Toys and games, all sorts and prices, at C. S. Slocomb & Bros., Onancock.  
Rev. J. R. Griffith will preach at Only in the morning, at Locustville in the afternoon, and at Amis Chapel at night, next Sunday.  
A bill has been introduced in the Legislature by Hon. S. Wilkins Matthews to prevent the killing of muskrats during certain months of the year.  
Mr. J. W. Goodman, optician, will be at Doughty's hotel, Accomac, C. H., next Monday, court day. All persons needing glasses are requested to call on him on that day.  
The ENTERPRISE according to the usual custom will not be published during the Xmas holidays and no paper need therefore be expected by our subscribers next week.  
Mr. A. U. LeCato, will be absent from his place of business at Mappsburg for the next three or four weeks. He is in New York and expects to remain there for that period of time.  
The Senate of Virginia has confirmed the appointment of Dr. John E. Mapp, as superintendent of public schools of Accomac, and of Hon. S. S. Wilkins to a like position in Northampton.  
A meeting of the Eastern Shore Game Association will be held at Accomac, C. H., next Monday, court day, for the purpose of electing officers etc. The attendance of the members is requested.  
Senator LeCato has introduced a resolution in the body of which he is a member, directing the Commonwealth's attorney of this county to institute proceedings to protect the rights of the Commonwealth in the matter of certain riparian shores of Fox Island in this county.  
E. H. Benson will be at Accomac, C. H., Monday next, with his usual line of samples of winter suitings, and overcoatings, which he will offer at greatly reduced prices to close out this seasons stock. All persons indebted to him on book account or otherwise are kindly asked to settle with him that day.  
A report circulated here and published in many papers of the State that Capt. Geo. T. Trader, formerly of this county, was murdered several nights ago in the Machodoc river, on the Western Shore is, we are glad to believe incorrect. A gentleman of this county says he has seen him since the report was put into circulation.  
Come to court next Monday and bring us the dollar you owe us on subscription as a Xmas present or expect a due soon afterwards. An other compositor will be added to our force another year and improvements are contemplated in the paper which require cash. Pay us and we will spend a part of it in giving you a better paper.  
Among those, who will return to Accomac for the Christmas holidays, are Misses Margaret and Henrietta Battelle, of Hollins and Burkeville, respectively. They will be at Blenheim, the home of their father Mr. Henry Battelle, from Christmas eve until the New Year, and look forward with pleasure to seeing home faces and old friends again.  
The Cineograph entertainments at Lilliston's Hall on Monday and Tuesday nights were all that were claimed for them. No one asked for the return of the admission fee which was promised to all who were not satisfied and no one had the right to do so. The pleasure it gave to those present for an hour or more each evening was well worth the money.  
The "Last Loan," a drama in two acts, will be given at Lilliston's Hall, Accomac, C. H., next Wednesday night. The string band of Pocomoke City will furnish the music for the occasion. The drama was rendered at Parkley last Tuesday evening and there was but one opinion of its merit. Everybody was delighted and a rich treat is in store to those who attend next Wednesday night.  
The administrator of Benjamin T. Parker, deceased, will sell at public auction on Thursday, December 30th, the household and kitchen furniture and livery, horses, carriages, wagons &c., of said decedent. He will rent out also to the highest bidder same day, the "Grand Central Hotel" for a term of three years, beginning January 1, 1898. For further particulars apply to James H. Fletcher, Jr.  
Many fine porkers have been slaughtered in the county this week. Mr. George Holland, of near Accomac, C. H., heads the list with one weighing 775 pounds, and Mr. George Gillespie, of Mappsville, was a close second to him with another which tipped the beam at 761 pounds. A pen of seven killed by Capt. William R. Lewis, of Hunting Creek, weighed 570, 516, 510, 470, 444, 425 and 410 pounds, respectively. The weight of two slaughtered last week by Mr. John E. Hickman, Bloxom, was 712 and 600 pounds.

Santa Claus' headquarters will be at Ashby & Beloit's for the coming holidays.  
Judge Blackstone has recovered from his recent illness and was out again on last Thursday.  
Big purchase in matings at Belle Haven Furniture Co. Call and examine styles and prices.  
Everything belonging to the jewelry and silverware business at Jno. W. Duncan's, Onancock.  
Mr. Henry C. Ayres left Thursday for Baltimore, to spend the Christmas with his sons, Wm. J. and Ernest Ayres.  
Patience Joynes, a colored woman, died near Accomac, C. H., last week, who had passed the century mark. She was 105 years old.  
If you want to please the children by your toys at Slocomb Bros., Onancock. They always have the kind that pleases them.  
The Maryland and Virginia boundary commission is at work locating the line between the States in Pocomoke and Tangier sound.  
A large and select stock of watches at Duncan's, for ladies, gentlemen and boys. These are American beauties. Prices away down.  
Masters Herbert and Dix Lilliston, students at University of Virginia and Baltimore Dental College, respectively, arrived home this week for the holidays.  
John Scott, a young man living in Deep Creek Neck, was out in a duck blind Monday, when he fell on his gun and caused it to go off, the load striking his left knee, inflicting a painful wound.  
Pastor J. M. Dunnaway and Rev. M. F. Sanford visited Richardson, the ice cream man, Marion, Md., last week and were royally entertained by him. They visited him by invitation to spend the week in gunning and will give an account of their trip in a later issue.  
Blackstone & Bell have just received their supply of Virginia Almonds. They also have a good selection of toys, a keg of very fine Malaga grapes and a nice assortment of exquisite perfumes in cut glass bottles, which their patrons will find suitable for Xmas gifts.  
I have much more sterling silverware than ever before. These goods are direct from the Gorham manufacturing Co., of New York, and nothing can be better. Most of them have been made since I placed my order in November and are fresh and new. I do not pick up old style patterns from auction sales etc. Prices lower than ever. Jno. W. Duncan.  
**Death of Capt. John E. Mears.**  
Our community was shocked again on Thursday last week by the sudden death of Capt. John E. Mears, one of our most useful and well known citizens. Capt. Mears was in his usual health, and in excellent spirits on Thursday morning. He spent the forenoon on his way to his boat, and on his return to the house good naturedly rallied his family to bury up his dinner, sitting down at the table he bent his head to ask a blessing, when his family looked up his face was lying in his plate, and in a few moments he was dead. His death was probably due to apoplexy. Capt. Mears was son of Jno. B. Mears, deceased several years ago. His wife, who was Miss Jane Hutchinson and two children survive him. Mr. Ed. T. Mears and Mrs. Geo. Fletcher. He was a man of great energy, remarkable for good judgment and mechanical ingenuity. He had followed the sea most of his earlier life, but for several years had been engaged in vessel business in connection with the oyster and freighting trade.  
H. Wachapreague, Va., Dec. 23d.  
**Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railway Company.**  
It has been the custom for several years past to withdraw the Steamer Tangier from the Messongro River Line about the last week in December. Seeing that this would be a hardship to our many patrons, the Company has decided to continue the steamer on her regular route, much longer in the winter than usual. This arrangement will give Crisfield daily communication with Baltimore, which it has not had heretofore during the winter season, and the other points on this route their usual summer facilities.  
As this is a new arrangement, we hope that our shippers and the traveling public will give us their hearty support, in order to make the same a success.  
J. SAWYER WILSON, JR.,  
T. MURDOCH, Freight Agent.  
Baltimore, Dec. 13, 1897.  
New line of dinner, tea and toilet sets, all prices, at Pate & Mason's.  
**Meeting of Oystermen.**  
MR. EDITOR:—Please announce in your columns that the Legislative Representatives of Accomac and Northampton desire to meet the representative oystermen of the Eastern Shore at Parkley, on Wednesday, December 29th, at noon.  
GEO. W. LECATO.  
December 23d, 1897.  
We have the prettiest and cheapest line of rugs that we have ever had. Don't fail to see them.  
Belle Haven Furniture Co.  
**Lodge Meeting.**  
The brethren of Ocean Lodge, No. 116, A. F. & A. M., are requested to be present at a special communication to be held on Wednesday evening, December 29th, at 7 o'clock. Refreshments will be prepared for the occasion.  
J. W. KELLAM, W. M.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.**  
**Chesapeake.**  
Miss Nellie Fields and Miss A. Conner are visiting friends at Snow Hill, Md.  
Miss Lydia Clayville, of Snow Hill, Md., will spend the holidays with Mrs. James E. Matthews.  
Misses India and Hallie Wheaton are home from Westminster Maryland College to spend Christmas.  
Miss Cora A. Bloxom and Mr. Jas. Durham were married on the 21st inst., Rev. E. H. Bennington, officiating.  
Rev. E. H. Bennington, of M. P. Church, will preach to the Order of United Americans, at 10:30 a. m., Sunday.  
Schooner Mary Wood loaded this week with oysters, for New York, and Sloop John Wesley with clams, for same city.  
Mr. George R. Coleburn has returned from Seaford, Del., to which place he was recently called to attend his mother's funeral.  
Capt. R. H. Wilcox and wife, of Mystic, Conn., and Mrs. G. P. Jones and son, of Cherry Hill, Md., are visiting at this time their parents, Capt. James E. Matthews and wife.  
Robert Swindell and wife left this week to spend the winter in Norfolk. Joseph H. Gordy and family and Frank Munford and family moved to Girdletree, Md., and Samuel Miles and wife to Modestown.  
Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Ellen Brimer, daughter of Capt. Levi J. Brimer, of Snow Hill, to Mr. George W. Burton, son of the late Capt. William Burton, at the bride's home, on Thursday evening, December 30th.  
Arrivals at Atlantic hotel this week: Chas. Prettyman, J. J. Snellingsburg, Philadelphia; J. W. Striggle, Baltimore; James S. Godwin, Dover; J. H. McLain, Red Bank, New Jersey; J. W. Conner, Wayne, Pa.; E. S. Rich, Wm. T. Gladding, Erastus Johnson and daughter, Accomac.  
The champion pork raisers of our island are as follows: James Jester, one, 579 pounds; Dr. Robt. W. White, one, 550; Frank Blake, one, 549; Josh. A. Wheaton, three, 1,500; W. J. Bloxom, one, 500; E. V. Twyford, one, 492; James Collick, one, 500; Capt. W. J. Reed, one, 485; J. J. Baker, one, 490; James Daisey, one, 490; Joshua Bowden, two, 930.  
**Franktown.**  
Mr. P. W. Tankard is home from Baltimore for Xmas.  
Mr. J. C. Kellam killed three hogs total weight 1,101 pounds.  
Our merchants report the best season for business for some years.  
Mr. W. A. Badger will move to Read's Wharf early in the New Year.  
Mrs. Ella Scott, who has been quite sick for some months, is very much improved.  
Mr. W. S. Lankford made 90 barrels of corn on a fraction less than 7 acres this year.  
Mr. Wm. G. Smith, of Cape Charles, has been in our town for some weeks renovating feather beds and mattresses.  
Anyone in want of second crop seed potatoes can write to Box No. 4 for prices.  
Mr. Alfred Brickhouse died at Wardtown a few days ago, aged about 70 years.  
Our young people and some older ones meet three times a week, getting ready for the charade which will take place in Tankard's Hall New Year's night.  
Mr. John B. Thomas and wife are home on a visit to his father, Stewart's Wharf. Mr. Thomas is a commercial tourist in "way down South in Georgia."  
Dr. E. W. P. Downing, who has been taking a post graduate course in Baltimore, has been quite sick since his return. At this writing he is something better.  
**Onr.**  
Mrs. Eliza Mears is critically ill, at her home near this place.  
Capt. E. B. Waples shut down his saw mill this week for the balance of the year.  
Mr. F. H. Savage returned home sick, from a business trip to Jachipungo this week.  
The Onley hotel is closed for the present and will not be occupied until the new year.  
Mr. B. T. Parks moved into his new home, lately vacated by Agent Beachboard this week.  
Mr. T. J. Scarborough and family moved to our town this week and occupied the Ward house.  
Poles for the telephone line arrived last week and are being hauled to their position on the line this week.  
Messrs. Black, of Camden, N. J., and Mr. Luther Delf, who have been sweet potato buyers here for several months, returned to their homes this week.  
Mr. Ezekiel Bloxom and wife were guests at the Accomac House for several days this week. From here they left for Bloxom, to take charge of the hotel property recently bought by them at that place.  
Largest line of furniture ever shown on Eastern Shore at Pate & Mason's.  
Our line of oak suits with large shaped French gaiters nicely covered surpass anything yet. Prices especially cheap.  
Belle Haven Furniture Co.  
All kinds of Xmas novelties at Pate & Mason's.  
Nice line of floor and table oil cloths, all widths and grades at Belle Haven Furniture Co's.

**Onancock.**  
There will be services in the Episcopal church on Christmas day.  
Mr. Jno. Kelson, student of Dover College, Del., is home for the holidays.  
Mr. Chas. H. Mills, of Baltimore, is spending the holidays in town with his parents.  
The very rainy weather of several days greatly hindered the people in their preparation for Xmas.  
Dr. Fred. Powell, of Sioux City, Iowa, will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Powell.  
Mr. Sidney Kellam came home on Saturday from the University of Virginia to spend the Christmas holidays.  
Mrs. George Hopkins went to Baltimore, on Saturday, last, and is stopping with her uncle, Mr. Wm. M. Powell.  
Several extra salesmen were employed by the storekeepers this week to assist in waiting on the rush of holiday buyers.  
Poles for the new telephone line are being placed on our streets. We will soon be in communication by wire with the entire county.  
The family of Mr. Thos. M. Scott moved to their new home in Eastville on Monday. They carry with them the good wishes of their numerous friends.  
Mr. Wm. E. Bell and Miss Ruth Kraton were married on Wednesday night by Rev. W. R. Crowder at the parsonage. The affair was very secret, not being known to some of their nearest relatives.  
On Thursday evening Miss Tyler gave an entertainment to the pupils of her school. A pleasant program, consisting of instrumental music, choruses and recitations, was rendered, after which refreshments were served. The occasion was much enjoyed.  
The Presbyterians will give an entertainment at the Town Hall on Friday, December 31st inst. A social fare entitled "Six to One" will be rendered and a supper served after war. Seats at popular prices. Public cordially invited. This will no doubt, be a pleasant affair and we bespeak for them a large attendance.  
**Chesapeake.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Marsh are visiting friends at Marion, Md.  
Mr. John F. Riley, who has been quite sick of late, is we are glad to report, out again.  
Schooner Susie Muir, Capt. Wm. F. Barnes, returned from the oyster grounds on Saturday. Capt. Barnes reports times dull.  
Several of our people have been killing their porkers of late. Mr. W. R. Marsh killed four last Monday weighing 1680 pounds.  
A pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized at Grant Memorial M. P. Church on Monday December, 13th, at 7:30 p. m., the contracting parties being Mr. Frank S. Riley, son of Mr. J. F. Riley of this place, and Miss Isabel la E. Bundick of Parkley. Rev. F. S. Sanford, of Parkley, officiating. Mendelssohn's wedding march was beautifully rendered by Miss Lillie Parks. Messrs. Frank Gray and Rufus Bailey acted as ushers. Mr. George Riley acted as best man and Miss Stella Satchel, maid of honor. The following bridesmaids and groomsmen were in attendance: Miss Lena Taylor and Milton Stevenson, Miss Sadie Riley and Charles Johnson, Miss May Riley and Frank Savage, Miss Isabel Ayres and Herbert Haley, Miss Lillie Carmine and Edward Daugherty, Miss Ruth Lewis and John Shrieves. The bride was beautifully attired in cream silk; the groom in conventional black. After the ceremony the party repaired to the home of the groom's father, Mr. Jno. F. Riley, where a bountiful repast awaited them. Numerous useful as well as ornamental presents were received.  
**Pocomoke.**  
Mr. Ed. J. Ames, quite sick last week, is out again.  
Miss Annie Blackstone is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Smith, at Exmore.  
Dr. W. C. Ames, of Smithfield, will make a visit to his parents during the Xmas.  
Dr. Gottschalk, for the past few months at Exmore, Va., is now located at this place.  
Mrs. J. H. Hehard, Sr., of Locustville, has been visiting her daughter Mrs. W. L. Harper.  
S. W. Ames & Co's 5 cent mixed candy is on the go, and their toys are disappearing fast.  
Mr. J. W. Ward is spending this week in Baltimore and other cities on pleasure and business.  
Mr. L. G. Ames has killed a pen of 3 porkers, which weighed 1455 pounds, each about one year old.  
Our constable, Mr. J. C. Wescott, and Mr. Luther Delf, who have been sweet potato buyers here for several months, returned to their homes this week.  
Prof. Hank and his assistants will spend their Xmas holidays at their homes. The school has enrolled several new scholars this month.  
Dr. J. H. A. Lofland moved last week to his farm near Cashville, much to the regret of his many friends here. Mr. L. O. Ames will occupy his residence here.  
New line of gent's furnishings, bought for the holiday trade at Pate & Mason's.  
We have a full line of Xmas goods to offer cheap next week. Come and see us, we will make it pay you.  
D. H. Johnson & Son.  
A large line of Xmas goods such as toys, fancy goods, pictures, confectioneries and fruits at Ashby & Beloit's.

**Xmas Entertainments.**  
Rev. C. H. McGee will give his entertainment in the Masonic Hall at Wachapreague, Tuesday in the Xmas.  
An oyster supper will be served Christmas eve at night, in Kent's Hall, under the auspices of Parkley M. E. Church.  
There will be an entertainment given by Locustville Sunday school, on Monday evening of Xmas, December, 27, consisting of a cantata, entitled "Santa Claus expected," recitations &c. After the entertainment there will be an oyster supper and refreshments served. Admission ten cents. If weather inclement the next fair evening.  
An oyster supper will be served at Atlantic Baptist Church, December, 25th, beginning at 3 p. m. Lecture at night by Rev. Walter Rhodes. A silver collection will be taken at the door. All are invited. Proceeds for benefit of Sunday school.  
A fair and festival will be held at Pocomoke Reformatory Hall, on the afternoon and evening of December 25th, commencing at 3 o'clock. All are cordially invited. Proceeds for the benefit of said hall.  
An oyster supper, followed by an entertainment at night, will be given at Atlantic M. P. Church Christmas eve. Admission 15 cents. No charge will be made to children and a treat will also be given them.  
Entertainment at Wachapreague M. E. Church, South, Xmas night, consisting of dialogues, recitations, solos, duets, quartettes and full chorus, assisted by Prof. J. W. Eare and S. K. McMillan. Admission 10c.  
The ladies of Garrison's Chapel will give an oyster supper in Mappsburg Hall on Tuesday, December, 28th. At night the "Mappsburg dramatic club" will play "Josiah's courtship" one of the very best farcical dramas of the season. Doors open promptly at 7 o'clock. Reserved seats 35cts, general admission 25cts, children 15 cts.  
Christmas entertainments will be held at Locust M. P. Church, Friday evening, December, 24th and at Hunting Creek, Saturday evening, December, 25th.  
Onancock M. E. Church Sunday school will have their Xmas entertainment Monday night, December 27th and Ayres' Tuesday night December 28th.  
The Methodist Sunday school of Bloxom, will give a Christmas entertainment in the new church on the sixth of January. (Old Christmas) at night. Admission 10 cents, children free.  
A Christmas entertainment will be held (D. V.) at Grant Memorial M. P. Church, on Monday night, December 27th, commencing at 7:30. Program will consist of music, recitations, dialogues and tableaux representing a touching scene in a temperance meeting. Every possible effort will be made to please the public which is cordially invited to be present. Admission 15 cents. (Sunday school free.) If the weather is unfavorable, next fair night.  
Rev. Walter Rhodes will lecture at the Hornton Baptist church, Wednesday, December 28th, 7:30 p. m., or if weather is stormy at that time on Thursday, 30th, on the subject, "Peculiar People." This lecture is his latest and is said by many to be his best. It is full of wit, humor logic and human nature. Admission 25 cents; children under 12 years, 10 cents. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.  
There will be an oyster supper at Bethel Baptist Church, Thursday, December 30th. One or two nice quilts to be disposed of at the same time. At night Rev. J. T. Riddick will deliver a lecture. Silver collection at the door after lecture. Come and spend a pleasant afternoon and at same time help a worthy cause.  
There will be a concert in connection with the oyster supper at Hall's Chapel on Monday night in Xmas. The program to consist of dialect reading, lecture, music, vocal and instrumental. Sunday school to receive its annual treat and prizes to be awarded scholars on same night. Lecture by boy orator, Master Vernon Gresham. Concert and lecture free.  
The Christmas entertainment of the Harborton Baptist Church will be held next Thursday, December 30th, at 7:30 p. m.  
There will be an oyster supper and confectioneries at Thos Chapel, on Monday, 27th inst., for the benefit of the church. All are invited. If Monday should be bad, come the next day.  
A Xmas entertainment will be given at Parkley M. P. Church on Xmas night, December 25th, 7:30, also a Christmas service on Sunday night, special music and a Xmas sermon.  
The mite society of Mackemie Presbyterian Church will give an entertainment at the home of Miss Maude Hickman, Tuesday, December, 28th. The Company will be entertained with recitations by different members of the society. To the children, one of the most pleasing features of the occasion will be little Jack Horner's Christmas pie, which will contain some very surprising plums. Ices and cream will be for sale. Admission, adults 15 cents, children 10 cents.  
Did you know that any American watch numbered less than six million is not a new watch? Well it is so, and those of a lower number have not the late and important improvements.  
Jno. W. Duncan.  
Sideboards in great variety of styles. Have sold more this Fall than ever before because our styles and prices are right.  
Belle Haven Furniture Co.  
Go to Pate & Mason for Xmas goods. You can get them sure.

**Married.**  
WHITE-COLONA—Tuesday, December 21st, 1897, at Parkley, by Rev. M. F. Sanford, Miss Berta White to Edward F. Colona.  
POWELL-REVELL—Wednesday, December 15th, at Bloomtown, by Rev. Charles Clement, Miss Erin Powell to Levin H. Revelle.  
HART-COURTNEY—Thursday, December 16th, at Parker House, Pocomoke City, by Rev. E. C. Macnichol. Miss Rachel L. Hart to William S. Courtney, both of this county.  
**Unclaimed letters.**  
Mail remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Accomac, Va., December 16th, 1897.  
Rev. N. J. Allen, Mr. M. J. Bird, Edward Martin, Mr. J. B. Powell, Mr. Jake Schwartz, Rev. Thomas May Thorpe.  
H. C. WHITE, SR., Postmaster.  
Don't forget the Reliable Clothing House, Onancock, when you visit the town and want Xmas goods. You will find it at Bundick's old stand and the proprietor ready to wait on you and sell you goods so cheap that you will almost think they are being made a present to you. Call at once.  
L. Cohen.  
Mystock of horses and mules is the best I ever had and anyone in need of either would do well to see me at once and get a bargain.  
T. H. Melson, Accomac, C. H., Va.  
I wish to thank my customers for their very liberal patronage this fall, better than ever before, and in turn I place before them an unusually fine line of Christmas goods, and prices lower now than ever. Respectfully  
J. W. Duncan.  
From this date we will close out a large line of ready-made clothing, including about one hundred overcoats at about cost, as we are overstocked.  
D. H. Johnson & Son.  
December 16, 1897.  
Don't forget our special low prices on ladies capes and cloaks. Must be sold.  
Pate & Mason.  
**A Card.**  
A report has been circulated that the undersigned declines to ride at night or in bad weather. The object of this card is to correct the impression and announce to the public that he is prepared physically and otherwise to discharge the duties of his profession at all seasons and that persons desiring his services will find him in place.  
F. C. A. KELLAM, M. D.  
**To The Public.**  
This is to give notice that the Ladies Aid Society of the Parkley Baptist Church, for the purpose of securing funds for the erection of their new building, has purchased a joint ed bigque doll about 30 inches tall, handsomely dressed, with long curls of natural hair to the waist.  
Any child on the Eastern Shore is hereby authorized to solicit contributions, the one securing the largest amount to the building fund will receive this beautiful doll.  
The contest will close on the 3rd of January, '98, and the reports must be in by that time.  
The name of the successful contestant will be published in the ENTERPRISE on the 6th day of January, '98, at which time the prize will be ready for delivery.  
All communications should be addressed to  
MRS. ADDIE JOHNSON, Parkley, Va.  
**In Memoriam.**  
In loving remembrance of my grandson, Edward Clarence, son of John S. Hinman, who died on the first day of December 1897, in the fifth year of his age.  
Wherefore should I make my moan,  
Now the darling child is dead?  
He to early rest is gone,  
He to Paradise is fled,  
I shall go to him, but he  
Never shall return to me.  
God forbid his longer stay,  
God recalls the precious loan,  
God hath taken him away,  
From my bosom to his own.  
Surely, what He wills is best.  
Happy in His will I rest.  
Faith cries out, it is the Lord,  
Let Him do as seems to Him good.  
Be thy holy name adored,  
Take the gift awhile bestowed,  
Take the child no longer mine,  
Thine he is, forever thine.  
BY HIS LOVING GRAND-MOTHER.

**XMAS! GOODS**  
IN  
**GREAT VARIETY**  
AND  
**AT CITY PRICES**  
AT  
**W. S. Dickinson & Son,**  
—Pocomoke Dry Goods, Carpets and Furniture Emporium,—  
**POCOMOKE CITY, MD.**  
**Holiday Goods**  
AT  
**Kloyd, Blaine & Cos.,** POCOMOKE CITY, Maryland.  
You are invited to come and see our display of Holiday Goods. Our stock includes articles as varied in value and prices as the requirements of holiday shoppers could demand and suitable gifts may be had at any sum the purchaser desires to expend.  
**OUR STOCK CONSISTS OF:**  
Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Chamber Sets, and Jewelry.  
Clothes, Watches, Banquet Lamps, and Hall Lamps.  
Sterling Silver, and Plated-ware, Hanging Lamps, Pictures, Albums, Collar Boxes, Vases, Bibles, Poetical Books, Prayer Books, Hymnals, Express Wagons, Toy Books, Dolls, Toys, &c., Toys, Toys.  
Hobby and Shoe Fly Horses, Toys, Toys.  
A full line of Drugs, Paints and Oils always on hand.  
Soliciting your patronage and thanking you for past favors, we are,  
Yours Truly,  
**LLOYD, BLAINE & CO. Pocomoke City, Md.**  
Mail Orders will have our prompt attention.  
**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
—ATA. H. G. MEARS, WACHAPREAGUE,—  
Every Saturday until further notice and on Thursday and Friday before Xmas, 23rd and 24th of December.  
**PRIVATE CLOTHING SALES**  
of every description on Monday's, Wednesday's and Saturday's until further notice. They must be sold at some price as we don't propose to carry them over.  
**LADIES ATTENTION.**  
Cloak sale every day, balance of the season, make us an offer and you shall have a cloak at your own price—lots of other bargains—come and see.  
**FURNITURE AND STOVES,**  
Specialties and everything worth your attention—stock entirely too large, must be reduced at some price.  
**XMAS, XMAS GOODS**  
of every description. Every available space full up. Why not go to A. H. G.'s for your Xmas goods where you can get everything you desire at one place? Stock fresh and complete.  
Thanking you kindly for your most liberal patronage this season and to ask you to come to see us at once and get your share of these special bargains—they are here for you, all you have to do is to come and call for them. I remain,  
Yours very respectfully,  
**A. H. G. MEARS.**  
**P. S.**  
Not simply talk, but a real Public Auction at A. H. G. Mears' as above stated, consisting of **Groceries, Glassware, Tinware, Shoes, Hats, Notions, Furniture, Stoves and so on.** Don't forget the time—every Saturday until further notice and Thursday and Friday before Xmas, 23rd and 24th of December. All sales from 1 to 3:30 p. m., at **A. H. G. Mears, Wachapreague, Va.**  
**Do Not Be Deceived**  
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